

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. - 17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) A gas/liquid separator element comprising:

- (a) first and second, opposite, end caps;
- (b) a media pack extending between the first and second end caps and defining an open central interior;
  - (i) the media pack having a drain stage and a coalescing stage;
    - (A) the media pack being configured for in-to-out flow with the drain stage surrounding the coalescing stage; and,
  - (ii) the media pack having a cross-sectional periphery with a perimeter shape having a long cross-sectional axis, a short cross-sectional axis and an aspect ratio of at least 1.3;
- (c) one of the end caps including an outwardly directed spigot;
  - (i) the spigot providing a support for a seal; and,
  - (ii) the spigot defining an air flow aperture therethrough; and
- (d) a seal positioned on the spigot;
  - (i) the seal defining a non-circular perimeter with a long axis, a short axis and an aspect ratio of at least 1.3.

19. (Previously Presented) A gas/liquid separator element according to claim 18 wherein:

- (a) the media pack cross-sectional periphery is elliptical with an aspect ratio within the range of 1.5 to 2.3, inclusive.

20. (Previously Presented) A gas/liquid separator element according to claim 19 wherein:

- (a) the spigot has a cross-sectional outer periphery shape with an aspect ratio of at least 1.5.

21. (Previously Presented) A gas/liquid separator element according to claim 20 including:

- (a) the seal is an o-ring positioned on an exterior of the spigot.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A gas/liquid separator assembly comprising:

- (a) a vessel including: an outer wall; a gas flow inlet; a gas flow outlet; and, a lower sump;
- (b) a tube sheet arrangement separating the vessel into an upper region and a lower region;
  - (i) the tube sheet arrangement being positioned so that the gas flow inlet is in direct communication with the lower region and the gas flow outlet is positioned to receive gas flow directly from the upper region; and,
- (c) at least one removable and replaceable separator element according to claim 18 operably secured to the tube sheet in a position with a media pack projecting into the upper region.

24. (Previously Presented) A gas/liquid separator assembly according to claim 23 wherein:

- (a) the gas flow outlet is a radial outlet with a radially directed outlet axis;
- (b) the assembly includes only one separator element; and,
- (c) the separator element is positioned with a long cross-sectional axis thereof generally orthogonal to the outlet axis.

25. (Currently Amended) A gas/liquid separator assembly according to claim 23 wherein:

- (a) the gas flow outlet is a radial outlet with a radially directed outlet axis;

- (b) the assembly includes only two separator elements, each according to claim [[1]]  
18; and,
- (c) the two separator elements are positioned with:
  - (i) the outlet central axis directed between the two separator elements; and
  - (ii) the longer cross-sectional axis of each element aligned generally parallel with the outlet central axis.

26. (Currently Amended) A gas/liquid separator according to claim 23 wherein:

- (a) the gas flow outlet is a radial outlet with a radially directed outlet axis;
- (b) the assembly includes only three separator elements, each according to claim [[1]]  
18;
- (c) a first two of the three separator elements are each positioned with:
  - (i) the outlet central axis directed between them; and
  - (ii) with a longer cross-sectional axis of each of the first two of the three separator elements directed toward the gas flow outlet; and,
- (d) a third one of the three separator elements is positioned with:
  - (i) the outlet central axis intersecting the third separator element; and
  - (ii) a longer cross-sectional axis of the third separator element generally orthogonal to the outlet central axis;
- (e) the third separator element being positioned further from the outlet than the first two of the separator elements.

27. (Previously Presented) A gas/liquid separator assembly according to claim 23 wherein:

- (a) the gas flow inlet projects through the outer wall; and,
- (b) the gas flow outlet projects through the outer wall.

28. (New) A gas/liquid separator element comprising:

- (a) first and second, opposite, end caps;

- (b) a media pack extending between the first and second end caps and defining an open central interior;
  - (i) the media pack having a drain stage and a coalescing stage;
    - (A) the media pack being configured for in-to-out flow with the drain stage surrounding the coalescing stage; and
    - (B) the coalescing stage comprising formed media positioned against an interior surface of an elliptical porous tube;
  - (ii) the media pack having a cross-sectional periphery with a perimeter shape having a long cross-sectional axis, and a short cross-sectional axis;
    - (A) the media pack cross-sectional periphery being elliptical with an aspect ratio within the range of 1.5 to 2.3, inclusive;
- (c) one of the end caps including an outwardly directed spigot;
  - (i) the spigot providing a support for a seal; and
  - (ii) the spigot defining an air flow aperture therethrough; and
  - (iii) the spigot having a cross-sectional outer periphery shape with an aspect ratio of at least 1.5; and
- (d) a seal positioned on the spigot;
  - (i) the seal defining a non-circular perimeter with a long axis, a short axis and an aspect ratio of at least 1.3; and
  - (ii) the seal being an o-ring positioned on an exterior of the spigot.

29. (New) An element according to claim 28 wherein:

- (a) the second end cap includes the outwardly directed spigot.

30. (New) An element according to claim 28 further comprising:

- (a) a porous liner extending between the first and second end caps.

31. (New) An element according to claim 28 wherein:

- (a) the second end cap has a non-circular aperture.